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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The amendment filed 2/25/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5,7-9,11 and 15-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Joanne Silberman/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3611

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence Ashery (#34,515) on March 11, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5: The display device of claim 2 ~~claim 7~~, wherein the take-up part and the pulling part further each include an elastic member, the elastic member biasing the slidable second rail support in a direction away from the first rail support.

Claim 17: The display device of claim 15 ~~claim 8~~, wherein the take-up part and the pulling part further each include an elastic member, the elastic member biasing the slidable second rail support in a direction away from the first rail support.

NOTE: As explained to Mr. Ashery in the telephone interview, the examiner's amendment above was made to correct a lack of adequate antecedent basis in the amended claims, which would require a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. The first and second rail supports are not recited in claims 7 or 8, but are recited in claims 2 and 15. Claim 5 was previously dependant on claim 2 and so it was believed that the after-final amendment of 2/25/09 to change the dependency of the claims was

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made in error. Claims 8, 15 and 17 are analogous to Claims 7, 2 and 5, respectively, and so this amendment corrects the same error in each group.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 7 requires a first joint part on the holding part and a second joint part on the display part where the joint parts are magnets or magnetically attractable material. The most related reference was found in US patent application publication 2006/0209406 by Choi. Choi teaches a roll up display with holding parts having magnets 10 and 11, but neither of these magnets are on the display part itself. The limitation in the present claim is therefore not shown in the cited prior art.

Independent claim 8 requires a bending part for bending the edges of the display. The related art teaching a roll-up display does not teach this feature. Maddock (US-6466369) teaches a collapsible display where a flexible display part is bent at edges (see figure 3a, axes A and B). But this reference is not a roll-up display and it does not make a modification to a roll-up display obvious since this bending function is for the purpose of collapsing the display, which is already achieved by the rolling action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER E. VERA who whose telephone number is (571)272-2329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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